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SECOND BIRD CONFIRMED WITH WEST NILE VIRUS THIS YEAR

A dead American crow collected from Fontana by the San Bernardino County Vector Control Program (SBCVCP) on July 19, 2006 has tested positive for West Nile Virus. The crow was reported from the 17700 block of Hawthorne Avenue. This is the second bird in San Bernardino County this year that tested positive for WNV. The dead bird was tested at SBCVCP using the two field assays known as VecTest and RAMP. No human infections have been reported in the County.

San Bernardino County Vector Control Program (VCP) is testing mosquitoes in the area where the bird was found. The VCP staff will continue to canvass the area and look for and identify mosquito-breeding sources.

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It is important that County residents understand how to protect themselves from mosquitoes and West Nile Virus so they can enjoy outdoor activities. County residents can **Fight the Bite by following the 5 Ds:**

- Drain or Dump...**Remove all standing water around your property where mosquitoes lay eggs such as birdbaths, green swimming pools, ponds, old tires, buckets, clogged gutters, or even puddles from leaky sprinklers.

- Dawn and Dusk...**Avoid spending time outside when mosquitoes are most active.

- Dress...**Wear shoes, socks, and long pants and long-sleeved shirts that are loose fitting and light colored.

- DEET...**Apply insect repellent containing DEET according to manufacturer's directions.

- Doors...**Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes to prevent mosquitoes from entering home.

If you have questions or concerns or if there is a significant mosquito problem where you live or you have standing water or green pools in your area, call San Bernardino County Vector Control Program at 800-44-ABATE (800-442-2283) or 909-388-4600. If you are in the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario, Montclair or Rancho Cucamonga call (909) 635-0307 for West Valley Vector Control District. You may also visit our website at www.sbcounty.gov/dehs/vectorcontrol or the California Health Services West Nile website at www.westnile.ca.gov for more information on Vector Control or West Nile Virus. To report dead birds to California Department of Health Services at 1-877-WNV-BIRD (968-2473) or go on-line at www.westnile.ca.gov.